



**Relax ! It's Labor Day!**

Arizona State Veteran Home

# At Your Leisure

**September 2008**

## Resident of the Month

The Resident of the Month is Major General Richard Curtin. The General, as he prefers to be called, was born in Taunton, Mass., April 2, 1915. After graduating High School in 1933 he entered Brown University and then in 1935 after receiving a Senatorial Appointment he entered the West Point Military Academy graduating as a Second Lieutenant with a bachelor of science degree. Also, while attending the Academy Richard was captain of the hockey team and a member of the baseball team.

General has one deceased brother and two sisters, one in Virginia and the other in South Carolina. The General stated that he "was married to the Service for 32 years" before retiring in 1967, he then married his wife Martha.

Among the General's first assignments was with the Panama Coast Artillery Command as a commander in an isolated jungle outpost defending the Panama Canal. Upon returning to the States he served in North Carolina and New York until his overseas assignment came to serve with the Ninth Air Force in 1944 During D-Day. During WWII he served in England, France and Germany. During his time in WWII the General received two Bronze Stars and then received a Legion of Merit after returning from Europe. In 1946 the General was assigned to the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL., as a member of the original faculty. After two years on the faculty he was assigned to the Univ. of Michigan as a student, and received his master of science degree in aeronautical engineering in 1950. After this General Curtin was assigned to the War Plans Division of Headquarters U.S. Air Force in the guided missile and special project planning. In this position he initiated many of the original concepts for the use of missiles in the Air Force. Another overseas assignment followed in North Africa and Turkey. Upon returning to the U.S. in 1956 he was assigned to HQ Air Research and Development Command then joining the Air Ballistic Missile Division in February 1958. By September 1958 he became deputy commander, Space Programs at AFBMD. In 1960 he was assigned as director of missiles and space systems in which he was responsible for all the original USAF and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) space programs. Also in 1960 he was nominated to the grade of brigadier general and then again in 1963 nominated for major general.

In his final year of his five year Pentagon tour he was director of air force development planning responsible for many of the new aircraft, missile and space programs in the years to come. In July of 1965 he assumed the duties as deputy defense advisor to the U.S. ambassador to NATO, stationed in Paris, France. General Curtin was one of the original recipients of the U.S. Air Force Guided missile insignia.

When the General isn't working he enjoys reading, watching sports, and going to anything musical. So if you see him out and about with his wife, Martha, give him a wave and a smile for being the Resident of the Month here at the Arizona State Veterans Home.



### ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

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## Volunteer Spotlight



Our gift shop is managed by Valet Services and is supervised by Ray Navarez. The gift shop is open 7 days a week and is staffed by 4 incredibly hard working vol-

unteers. Butch Bonnee, Tom Gardner, Barbara Howard and Cruz Marquez have volunteered a combined 280 hours last month. We can not thank them enough for all of the time they provide around the home. Residents and Staff stop by under the guise to get a candy bar or soda, but it's obvious that the real reason so many people frequent the gift shop is for the warm smiles and friendly

conversations from our volunteers. A special thank you is extended to these 4 volunteers and congratulations on being the Volunteer Spotlight of the Month!

## Volunteer Highlights

Our volunteers donated 1100 hours of their time to the home in July of 2008. The labor department roughly estimates a volunteer's time to be worth \$20.00 per hour.

That equates to \$22,000.00 of volunteer services were lovingly given to the Veterans in just one month. Thank you just doesn't seem to capture the gratitude we feel for these special people.

Here is a poem written by Stewart Mathews to express our appreciation.

*I looked on my calendar but to my dismay  
There was no place upon it for a special angel day  
I asked everyone I knew where it just might be  
For I knew they did exist for one came to visit me*

*And that's not the only one, for I've seen a lot of others  
They visit all the Vets, my sisters and my brothers  
They bring smiles and joyous laughter to keep the blues away  
They are our caring companions, they lighten up our day*

*They keep us from the thoughts that we are all alone  
Because they frequent the halls of our Veteran State Home*



## Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers

Hannah Adelman	Lori Floyd	Jennifer Murray	Guard
Maha Al Duhi	Jared Floyd	Tom Minichiello	American Legion Unit, Auxillary and Post 39
Sondra Angelton	Irma Fuchs	Cruz Marquez	American Legion Post 44
Chances Abson	Jerry Fuchs	Doris McCrossin	Cooties – VFW Post 9400
Ester Arney	Gustavo Fernandez	Jeannie McClane	Girl Scout Troop 2
Renee Batrez	Gabe Forsberg	Tom McCauley	Hallelujah Band
Butch Bonnee	Susie Goens	Jamie Nichols	Hospice of the Valley
Margaret Balon	Jeanne Gushock	Cheryl Nichta	Jewish War Veterans
Joyce Beaty	Tom Gardner	Roy Olson	Korean War Veterans As- sociation
Shannon Benvenuto	Gretchen Helwig	Mick Olson	Knights of Columbus
Michael Bryant	Destiny Horton	William Perry	Ladies of Elegance – Ari- zona Cameo Club
Henry Brown	Susan Hulton	Erin Peeples	Orchid Society of Arizona
Jennifer Barahona	Maureen Hawkins	Colin Quigley	Palo Verde Republican Women
Claire Bush	William Herndon	Heather Rick	Phoenix Art Museum
Alicia Brenes	John Hemingway	Tim Serey	Salvation Army
Laura Blank	Barbara Howard	Robert Stanley	SAMS – Scottish American Military Society Post 48
Kevin Brown	Carol Hughes	Josh Strickland	Sun City Elks
Cory Baker	Katie Isaacson	Eileen Szychonski	
Keith Collier	Jene Jones	Phil Simpson	
Allison Connelley	Juarbe Family	Shasta Smith	
Steven Coger	Ben Koval	Frank Smith	
Robert Cronin	Andrew LaCarte	Dan Straight	
Sue Cornwell	Deena Lager	Lionel Sanchez	
Veronica Castellanos	Lorenz Laurel	Sara Skalniak	
Brian Castellanos	Beverly Lewis	Rufus Short	
Carroll Clarence	Anthony Lydon	Michael Snell	
Carmolette Cluff	Saul Lopez	Kathy Tousek	
Lucy Costner	Donna Lindquist	Turney Tuggle	
Chris Dion	Prajwal Mendon	Kim Weidenbach	
Ann Dion	Dick Moore	Judie Walter	
Becca DeBusk	Jeanet Munoz	John Wells	
Amber Day	Ashley Monzon	Loretta Wiltse	
Arnold Eggers	Mary Milburn	Heather Wright	
Pat Eggers	Don Milburn	Matthew Wright	
Danny Engler	Jessica Mullen	Rita Zachman	
David Escalante	Cole Malham	Shelly Zarikoff	
Marie Elizabeth- Finamore	Tony Miglionico	Linda Zvara	
	Robin Morris	Arizona Army National	

If your name is not on this list, please contact Leslie Goin with Volunteer Services to get registered today!

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## Highlights from the Therapeutic Programs Department

Therapeutic Programs Department oversees a variety of services. They offer Music Therapy, Special Events, Spiritual Care, Therapeutic Recreation, Wellness Services, and Volunteer Services. The staff include 1 Registered Music Therapist: Diane Timmerman; and 4 Certified Recreation Therapists: Dannis Murphy, Pam Minunni, Kirsten Wit-

beck and Leslie Goin; Leslie is a long time employee of the home, but has recently taken on the position as Program Manager for the department. It would not be possible to administer the many services this department offers without the help of a large volunteer force. We are 5 staff, 113 individual volunteers and multiple organizations strong! Our plans for the fu-

ture are to continue to grow. Come join our Volunteer team today. For further information contact Leslie Goin at

**lgoin@azdvs.gov or  
602-248-1575**

## Social Services Department

It's Voting Time!!

Please notice that any residents wishing to vote this year must show 2 forms of identification.



If you have any of your family members ID, please bring it in and give it to their social worker to hold on to so they can vote this year by mail.

Changes from the Social Work Department:

Carrie Langford will remain on C2 and on C1

602-351-6890

Rita Campbell will be on D2

602-248-1572

Terry Green will remain on D1

602-351-6889

Thank you!

Carrie Langford, LMSW, CTRS

## Gift Shop

For the convenience of residents, family members and employees, the ASVH has a gift shop for everyone to enjoy and be able purchase from candies, sodas, chips, ice cream, pizza, burritos, Support our Troops Tshirts, Polo shirts including Support our Troops Long Sleeve shirts and lots

more....



We invite you to stop by and visit us. We are also looking for Volunteers to help in the Gift Shop. If you are interested please contact Ray Nevarez at (602) 370-5793



## Veteran's Donation Fund

**JOIN US FOR A  
FUN-RAISER  
NIGHT!**

*Benefiting  
Arizona Veteran's Donation Fund*

**What's The Deal?**  
Sweet Tomatoes will donate 15% of sales generated by Arizona Veteran's Donation Fund!

**What To Do:**  
Present this flyer between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Saturday, September 6, 2008, purchase a meal and a beverage\* and enjoy a great meal and help a great organization!

**Where To Do It:**  
At the Sweet Tomatoes only, located at: 52 East Camelback Rd., Uptown  
602-274-5414

**Every great deal has a catch. Here's ours:**  
1. \*All participants must purchase a beverage with their meal in order to receive credit towards the organization. 2. Under no circumstances are flyers to be handed out in the restaurant, parking lot or vicinity. Failure to comply will result in a voided contract. 3. Coupons or discounts will not be honored in conjunction with any approved Fun-Raisers. 4. Must present this flyer at time of purchase.

**Sweet tomatoes**   
salads • soups • bakery

**HOUSEHOLD GUIDELINES:**  
1. For the safety of our guests, no horseplay, running or climbing at any time, please.  
2. Please accompany small children when visiting food bars.  
3. It is very much appreciated when a supervisory person is present at a table of children.

## Wish List

- Disposable Cameras
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Rechargeable AA Batteries
- \$5 Meal Gift Cards
- Sponsorship for Belly Dancing Troupe Performance
- Sponsorship to a Sporting Event: Diamondbacks Games / Nascar / Turf Paradise

Call Leslie Goin @ 602-248-1575



## Save A Tree!

If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail instead of by regular mail, Please let us know.

Candy Covarrubiaz

602-351-6879

[ccovarrubiaz@azdvs.gov](mailto:ccovarrubiaz@azdvs.gov)

## Donations

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Hazel Powell

Jewish War Veterans

Korean War Veterans Association

Martha Williams and the Girl Scouts

MOPH Chapter 691

Orchid Society of Arizona

Sun City Elks

***"one must be poor to know the luxury of giving"***

***George Eliot***

Tony Tiedemann, Loved Ones Lost

Jan Mackey Memorial for Julian Hopf

Michael Bellard, Old Breed Detachment - Marine Corps League

Bill Price Commander, DAV Chapter 20, Joystick-operated electric wheelchair

The Gnagy Family, In Memorial for Fred Selk

DAV Sun City Chapter 24

Chandler American Legion Post 35

## Housekeeping week

The week of September 14th to the 20th, 2008 we celebrate the National Healthcare Housekeeping Week. On this week we recognize and celebrate this event with the housekeeping employees of the Arizona State Veterans Home honoring them through out this week.

Our housekeeping employees are responsible for keeping our Arizona State Veterans Home clean and sanitized, providing our residents with a clean and comfortable place they can call home.



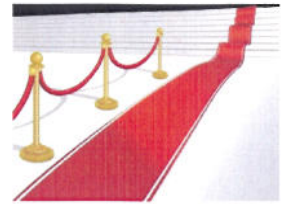
Jose Santos

Housekeeping Supervisor

I am proud and grateful to be working with such a great group of employees. It's a great honor for me to congratulate each and every one of them for the great work they have been performing here at our home. Thank you from all of us for keeping the image of our home and cleanliness at such a high standard. Thank you for your efforts. MY APPLAUSE GOES OUT TO ALL OF YOU.



# September 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> The Ultimate Elvis Experience by Charlie Frank	<b>2</b>  Outing to Diamond Backs Game 5:00	<b>3</b> Jewish Services 11:00	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Neighborhood Council Meetings Concert: Leon Littleton C-1	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> American Legion #44 Sing-a-Long 10:00	<b>9</b> Food Committee 2:00	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Poker Night 6:15 	<b>12</b> Concert: Todd Hagen LH Concert: Mary Stuart C-1	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Concert: Leon Littleton LH Late Night Bingo 7:00	<b>16</b> C-1 Monthly Birthday Party	<b>17</b> Movie of the Month 2:00	<b>18</b> Monthly Birthday Party	<b>19</b> Concert: Ken Walker LH Concert: Dave Swaim C-1 Lunch: Bring-In Burger King	<b>20</b> Broadway Music Show 2:00
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Phoenix Art Museum	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Post 91 Dinner 5:00 (D-2)	<b>25</b> Purple Heart Bingo (last time till next summer) 2:00	<b>26</b> Concert: Hired Hams LH	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Diamond Backs Game Concert: Hallelujah Band LH Possible D-Backs	<b>29</b> Rosh Hashanah Dinner	<b>30</b>				



## Resident Birthdays

Jack Mckenzie 9/5/1932  
Ray Newby 9/6/1912  
Harry Schulz 9/6/1921  
Irieda Minney 9/8/1927  
Manuel Smith 9/14/1918



Joe Fitzgerald 9/14/1934  
Earl Smith 9/17/1917  
John Schardt 9/18/1935  
Jack Wells 9/28/1928  
Frank Mell 9/29/1938

## Valet Services Department



Please join me in recognizing all the Valets for all their hard work. If you see a red shirt let them know they are appreciated.

## TAPS



The Arizona State Veteran Home extends its deepest condolences to the loved ones of the following residents who recently passed on. Their contributions to our Country will never be forgotten. Their smiles, strength and fortitude will live within us as precious memories. God Bless.

Lynn Brooks  
Peter Novak  
Julian "Moe" Hopf  
Gerald Gitlis  
Robert Gamble  
Frederick Selk  
Alvin Ousley  
Nadja Goudie  
Mary McFadden  
Ernest Hairston  
James "Bruce" Hitchcock

## Casual Dress Fridays

Please keep within our dress code  
Reminder that every Tuesday is Patriotic Day!



9/5 Hawaiian Day  
9/12 Patriotic Day-Wear Red, White and Blue  
9/19 Autumn Colors  
9/26 Johnny Appleseed's Birthday – Wear Apple color's



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## **We Will Miss You!**

### **Mindy Morales**



Mindy Morales has been part of the Recreational Therapy Program for the past 6 years. She started in our Adult Daycare Program before moving into the nursing home. Mindy then took over the Manager's duties in Recreation Therapy and has served in this capacity for the last 2 years. Mindy will be missed most for her great attitude, work ethic and amazing Halloween costumes. We want to wish Mindy the best of luck in her future career as a Dental Hygienist, and hope she can make it to all her classes even after late nights of Salsa Dancing.

### **Danny Thompson**



Chaplain Danny Thompson has been our Chaplain for the past year. He is a very caring and considerate person. He was always visiting patients in the hospitals, this made the patients feel cared for and loved. Danny developed many exciting programs for the residents while he was here and was very involved in their day to day lives. Danny did an excellent job doing programs on all of the holidays and always made things special for our residents. He will be missed by all.

## **Welcome To Our Team**

**We would like to welcome the following new employees to our home.**

Almas Peermohammed	Certified Nursing Assistant Pool
Rowena Cordova	Certified Nursing Assistant Pool
Herman Oliver	Food Service Worker 11
Harriet Carpenter	Geriatric LPN 11
Sandra Mckenzie	Geriatric LPN 11
Linda Singleton	LPN Pool
Sean Kearney	LPN Pool
Laura Yazzie	Nursing Assistant
Maria Contreras	Nursing Assistant
Richard Guay	Nursing Assistant
Crystal Gardner	Nursing Assistant
Jennifer Barahona	Valet Services State Service Trainee
Margo A. Galvan	Valet Services State Service Trainee

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